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Timely Tidbits ...

CAP Open House

In its search for new members, the Phoenix Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will host a recruitment open house at Romulus City Hall on Wednesday, May 22, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Both cadet (ages 12 to 20) and senior (age 21 and up) members are welcome.

As the auxiliary of the United States Air Force, the Civil Air Patrol has three primary missions:

- cadet programs,
- aerospace education, and
- emergency services.

"President Bush has called on all of us to become more involved in our communities," said Major David Gillahan. "Membership in the Civil Air Patrol is a great way to do that."

For more information, contact Major Gillahan at 734-421-7112.

Citywide Yard Sale

Bargain hunters will want to be sure and mark their calendars for the weekend of May 30–June 2, when the City of Romulus will host its annual Citywide Rummage Sale. (Note that if two or more of the sale days are rained out, the event will be rescheduled for the following weekend.) Watch for flyers and newspaper ads announcing all sale locations.

Summer Adult Ed

GED preparation and introductory computer classes will be offered this summer through the Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education program. GED classes begin in June; computer classes start in July.

To obtain a complete list of the classes that will be offered, and/or to register for classes, drop in any weekday at the Mt. Pleasant Community Education Center at 39000 Superior; stop in at Belleville High School any Monday or Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m.; or visit Romulus High School any Tuesday or Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call the Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education office: 734-532-1953. □

Area Businesses Recognized At District's "School-to-Work" Appreciation Breakfast



Lindsey Redding (right), a Romulus High School student who is honing her career skills through the district's School-to-Work program, attended an Employer Appreciation Breakfast to honor her boss, Jim Mackie, the proprietor of Jim Mackie Distribution. For more photos, see pages 8–9.

In honor of the 55 area businesses that have partnered with the Romulus Community Schools to offer High School students a chance to learn by doing, the district hosted an Employer Appreciation Breakfast on May 3. Marilyn Hidenfelter, School-to-Work Coordinator, re-

ported that a total of 75 students honed their career skills through participation in the program this year.

Special-education teacher Winifred Wafer served as the emcee for the event, which featured guest speakers Huey Ball (proprietor, H. Ball and Associates

Consulting) and Erica Necker (a student employed in the Office of the Treasurer, City of Romulus).

Other program highlights included the presentation of "special recognition" awards to individuals who were honored for all that they have given back to the community. Among the awardees were:

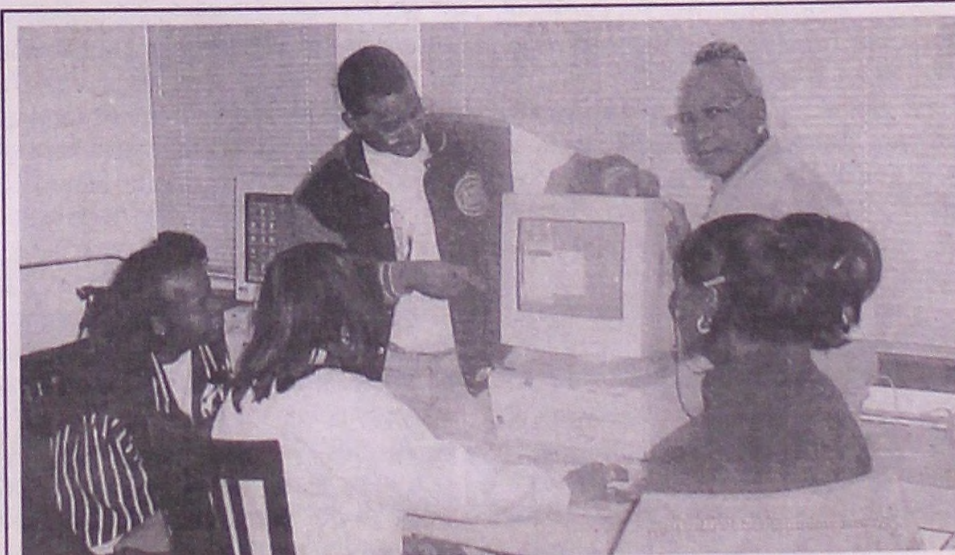
- Gail Coleman, who was recognized for her work as the chair of the district's secondary-level North Central Association accreditation committee;
- GM Powertrain engineers Kevin Gay, Thom Dolson, and Isaac Hogate, who were acknowledged for their outstanding work with Romulus High School's FIRST Robotics Team;
- Mark Lewkowicz, proprietor of Landis Machine Shop, who was honored for his support of various district programs; and
- Alfaye Woods, a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the Michigan Department of Career Development/Rehabilitation Services, who was recognized for her many contributions to the district.

Hidenfelter said that a good deal of the credit for the event's success went to the High School's culinary-arts program, which prepared and presented a buffet breakfast that was both attractive and delicious. The highly successful program is taught under the direction of Charles Usztics, Phyllis Richardson, and Phyllis Wilkerson. □

APA Offered Free Computer Class

Congratulations to Dorothy Byrd, Carla Channey, Lloyd Coleman, Bettye Riley Lee, Geneva Matthews, Alganett Moore, and Herbert Roberson, who recently completed a "Basic Windows 98" course that was offered, free of charge, by the American Progressive Association. The course, which was taught at the Thomas Coleman Center, consisted of three-hour classes that were taught each Saturday for 10 consecutive weeks.

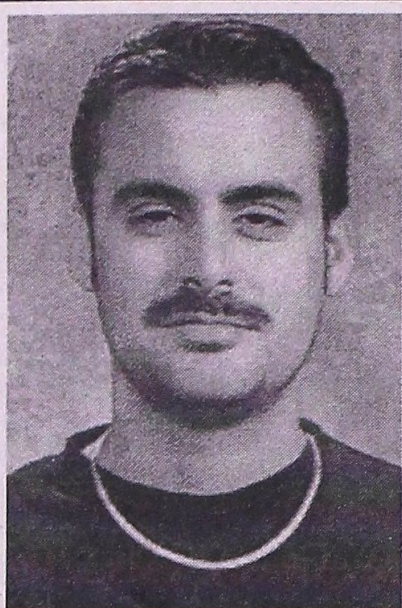
Romulus Civic League President Willie Hester, who taught the classes, said that he may consider conducting a summer program if enough interest is shown. For more information, call Hester at 734-641-6042. □



Willie Hester (back, left), President of the Romulus Civic League, teaches basic computer skills to Dorothy Byrd (back, right) and (seated, from left) Carla Channey, Bettye Riley Lee, and Geneva Matthews.

Letters to the Editor

Friends Seek Contributions For Local Fire Victim



Treavor Rowton

Can you imagine? One day, you wake up with all the things that most of us take for granted, and when you arrive home, it is all gone. All you now have is the clothes on your back and the car you are driving.

This is what happened to Treavor Rowton. On May 1, he was called home and found everything he owned on fire.

Treavor has spent the last nine years working to enhance the lives of children and families in the Romulus community. He worked as an aide with the Romulus Head Start program before joining the staff at Halecreek Elementary School to assist a child with special needs. For the last several summers, he has also worked in the Romulus Recreation Department's summer programs.

Treavor has no insurance and little money. As a school community and a city community, we are working together to provide help for this special person who has given so much of himself to our community. We are accepting contributions for Treavor at Halecreek. If you are interested in helping, send your contributions to:

Halecreek Elementary School
Treavor Rowton Fund
16200 Harrison Road
Romulus, MI 48174
c/o Kendra Akers

Checks should be made payable to Treavor Rowton. Receipts are available upon request.

Thank you,
Cathy Kudra
Teacher, Halecreek School

Reader Says Firefighters, Not Computers, Come First

Dear Editor:

When I arrived home from a short vacation, I found a copy of *The Romulus Roman* on my desk. As I was reading through the April 18, 2002 edition, I came across the sub-headline "Council debates computers, firefighters" on a story by Stefanie Carano. An excellent piece; still, I am appalled that this would even be an issue!

It seems that a computer system that was purchased in 1986 may not work one day. Yet there is a question of whether or not the City should allocate funds to hire more full-time firefighters. This is absolutely ridiculous!

I want many citizens to realize that this community only has full-time firefighters on Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. On the weekend and after hours, the department is maintained exclusively by our volunteer staff. Currently, the department has fire trucks that were purchased in 1979. This community does not have the ability to transport injured persons to the hospital; victims must wait for an available emergency unit from an ambulance service.

Please! The City Council must debate the issue of using more funds to update the fire department? Take a look around – many of the fire stations are not even equipped with showers. This community demands the protection of a full-time fire department!

As far as a new computer system is concerned, I do not undervalue the need for updated computers. This city did function without computers. As long as a sufficient hard copy has been kept as a record, the process may be slowed ... but it will still continue. Many times in this day and age, people forget what pencil and paper are worth. I will admit it, this letter was composed using a computer. That does not mean that I have forgotten the value of a pen. I use pens in my everyday occupation.

As much as I would like to see new computers, it should not be at the expense of our community's safety and well-being!

Sincerely,
Christopher A. Walock
Citizen and former candidate for
Romulus City Council

Olympic Torch Has New Meaning for Atkinson, Elwart



Members of the Olympic Torch Committee (far left, far right) inspired (from left) Joy Elwart, Sher Elwart, Dr. Linda Atkinson, and Dr. Dan Elwart with a brief history of the torch.

To the Romulus community:

In January of this year, we attended a chiropractic seminar at the Marriott Hotel in a suburb of Chicago, Illinois.

While we were checking in, we noticed a large group of people dressed in the same kind of jackets and driving vehicles

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34th District Court Employees Take Kids To Work

Employees of the 34th District Court took part in the tenth anniversary of the Ms. Foundation for Women's "Take Your Daughter To Work Day" on April 24, a day head of the national celebration on April 25. According to Johanna O'Grady-Ward, Court Administrator, the day was originally created to expose young women to the work force and encourage them to excel in the business world, but many workplaces have opted to include boys in the program as well.

In all, 30 visitors were in attendance to participate in a full schedule of events that included meeting with Chief Judge Tina Brooks-Green, Judge Brian A. Oakley, and Judge William J. Szlinis.

"It was a spectacular program and I was overwhelmed with the response," said O'Grady-Ward. "I think the youngsters had an educational and informative day as well as having some fun."

The morning began with a continental breakfast and a tour, conducted by court officers, of the jail holding facility. Later, Judge Green introduced "Uncle Happy" – a clown/magician who kept the youngsters enthralled with his the-hand-is-quicker-than-the-eye tricks. Each child received a balloon sculpture as a souvenir.

Next, a demonstration by the Detroit



"Uncle Happy" the clown brought a little magic into the day of children attending the 34th District Court's annual "Bring Your Child To Work Day" celebration.

Metro Airport Police's bomb squad commander, Lieutenant Thomas Mitchell, and Officer Brian Meade provided an excellent hands-on opportunity for the court visitors to get an up-close-and-personal view of Andros, a robot that assists the officers in bomb detection.

Youngsters were allowed to operate the 200-pound, \$120,000 Remotec robot made functional by switches that move up and down and direct the model to move in all directions. Mitchell explained that the robot is capable of detonating a bomb as well as being directed to disintegrate one. Cameras attached to the robot allow an operator to get a close-up view of a bomb without endangering himself/herself.

Following the demonstration, the group enjoyed a variety of different types of pizza and salad catered by the court. Certificates of Participation were awarded by Judge Szlinis to all who attended.

After lunch, a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) presentation by Belleville Police Sergeant Robert Dawson warned the youngsters about strangers and offered safety tips. Van

Buren DARE Officers Jim Miller and Dale Harrison were also in attendance. A "photo-op" with Scruff-McGruff from the Van Buren Police Department provided participants with an additional memento of their visit to the court.

Closing out the day's events was a demonstration by canines Judge, Jury, Smokey, and Bandit, who were led by K-9 Academy directors Terry and Diane Shoenbach and Romulus Police Officers Donald Leonard and Darrin Wright.

Workday program attendees were:

- Ross Bottomley, grandson of Civil Department Director Oneita Davis;
- Jerilyn Chapp, daughter of Melissa Chapp, Probation Department staff member;
- Joey and Matt Coffee, sons of Tracie Coffee, Civil Department clerk;

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Lieutenant Thomas Mitchell (right), Commander of the Detroit Metro Airport Police bomb squad, and Officer Brian Meade, bomb technician, demonstrated the abilities of Andros the Remotec robot and allowed the children to try out his controls.



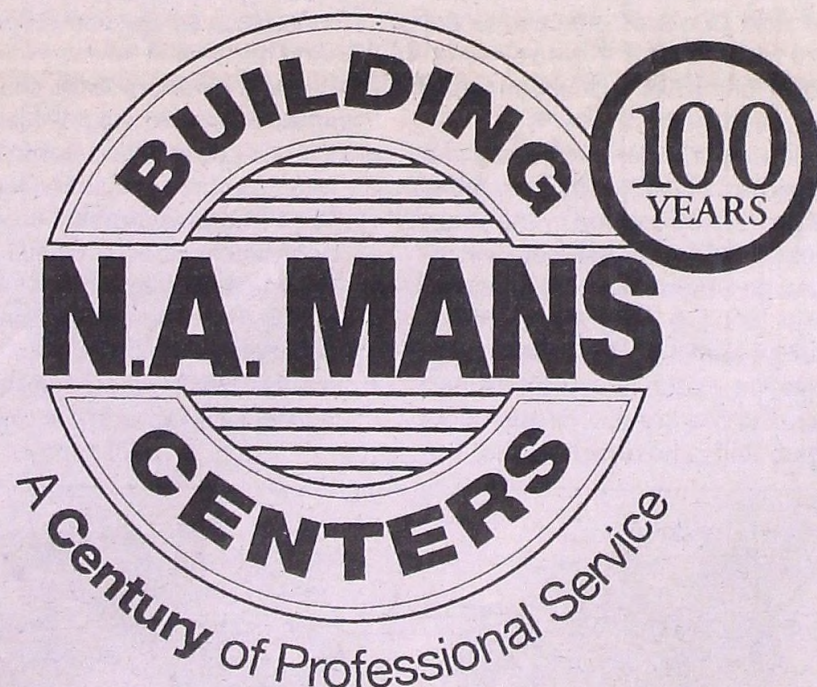
Participants in the court's "Take Your Child To Work Day" program included (from left): front row – Joey Coffee, Donald Myles, Jr., Aaron Myles, Ross Bottomley, and Shantrice Tatum; back row – Tracie Coffee, Jacqueline Peagler, Oneita Davis, and Linda Palmatier.

Court Employees Take Kids to Work

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- Zachery Craner, grandson of Peggy Zachery, file courier;
- Alex DeBacher, grandson of Judge William Szlinis;
- John and Zachary Green, sons of Chief Judge Tina Brooks-Green;
- Tyler Johnson, son of deputy clerk Michelle Johnson;
- Elizabeth Lewis, niece of Melinda Shearrer, Probation Department staff member;
- Jeffrey Martin, son of Kim Martin, deputy clerk;
- Savannah Rose and Miranda Mae Moffat, granddaughters of Sandy Crout, Financial Director;
- Haley Moore, daughter of Michael Moore, deputy clerk;
- Cody and Cory Mortzfield, sons of Heather Mortzfield, deputy clerk;
- Aaron Myles, Donald Myles, Jr., and Shantrice Tatum, grandchildren of Jacqueline Peagler, Civil Department clerk;
- Cassandra, David, and Michael Nelson, children of Deborah Nelson, Juvenile Probation Director;
- Cheyenne Oakley, daughter of Judge Brian A. Oakley;
- Rachel Rohn, daughter of Jerry Rohn, deputy clerk;
- Hunter and Madison Silkowski, children of Art Silkowski, deputy probation director;
- Hunter Andrew Suchy, son of Mindy Suchy, deputy clerk;
- Paige Wallace, daughter of Lisa Pond Wallace, Court Recorder to Judge Oakley and granddaughter of Clema Pond, Court Clerk; and
- Jared Wegienka, neighbor friend to JoAnn Brown, Criminal Department supervisor. □

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Community Calendar

- **RHS Class of 1992 Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1992 will hold its 10-year reunion on Saturday, August 17, at the Clarion Barcelo Hotel in Romulus. For room reservations, call the hotel (734-728-7900); for other information, contact Andrea Johnson (313-850-7677).
- **Kiddie Fishing Derby** – The Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation invites youngsters 12 and under to have some fishing fun at Hines Park (Waterford Bend Area, Northville) on Saturday, May 18, between 8 a.m. and noon. The Rouge River will be stocked with rainbow trout and a casting contest will be held. All anglers need to bring their own equipment and bait. Register at the site starting at 7:30 a.m.
- **Saturday in the Park** – Wayne County's "Saturday in the Park" program – which will continue from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Saturday through September 28 – features the weekly closing of six miles of Hines Park's Hines Drive (from the Warrendale picnic area west of Outer Drive to the Nankin Mills area east of Ann Arbor Trail) to allow people of all ages to run, walk, skate, and cycle safely. For more information, call 734-261-1990.
- **Eating Disorder Support Group** – A newly formed support group for people with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive eating meets each Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church (2550 Edsel Drive, off West Road, across from Trenton High School). There is no charge to attend.
- **Free Rose-growing Seminars** – Great Lakes Roses (located at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter/Belleville roads in Sumpter Township) invites the public to attend one of its upcoming **Winter-Hardy Roses for Michigan** seminars, set for Sunday, May 26, at 1 p.m., or Monday, May 27, at 11 a.m. Participants are urged to dress for the weather! An optional light lunch may be ordered after the Monday program. For more information, call 734-461-1230 or visit the Great Lakes Roses Web site (www.GreatLakesRoses.com).
- **Romulus Democratic Club** – The Romulus Democratic Club will meet at the UAW Union Hall, Local #174 (29841 Van Born Road), at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 20. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jack H. Trumble, Club President, at 734-941-3513.
- **Car Wash Benefits St. Aloysius Youth Group** – The Youth Group at St. Aloysius Catholic Church is planning a car wash to raise money for club activities. The event is set for Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Burger King restaurant located on Wayne Road near Goddard Road.
- **Rouge Rescue** – Hike up your waders and join the Friends of the Rouge on Saturday, June 1, for an area-wide effort to clean up the river. For sites and times, call 313-792-9900.
- **Nursery School Olympics** – A Nursery School Olympics, sponsored by the Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation, will include a Marshmallow Shot Put, Paper Plate Discus, Diaper Derby, Toddler Trot, and more! Ages three to five (and parents) are welcome at the event, which is set for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 7, at Elizabeth Park (Trenton).
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The African American Experience Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting: June 19) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For information about the club or its reading list, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during regular summer hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Polka Fest** – The Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation will host a Polka Fest at the Hines Park Warrendale Picnic Area (Dearborn Heights) from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, and Sunday, July 7. Featured will be the upbeat sounds of Big Daddy Lackowski and the Duane Malinowski Orchestra. Ethnic dancers in authentic Polish costumes will perform, as well. Food concessions and a beer tent will be available.
- **Chamber Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf-outing/fund-raiser at the Woodlands of Van Buren on Thursday, August 22. For more information, call Chamber Secretary Christine Fortune at 734-326-4290.

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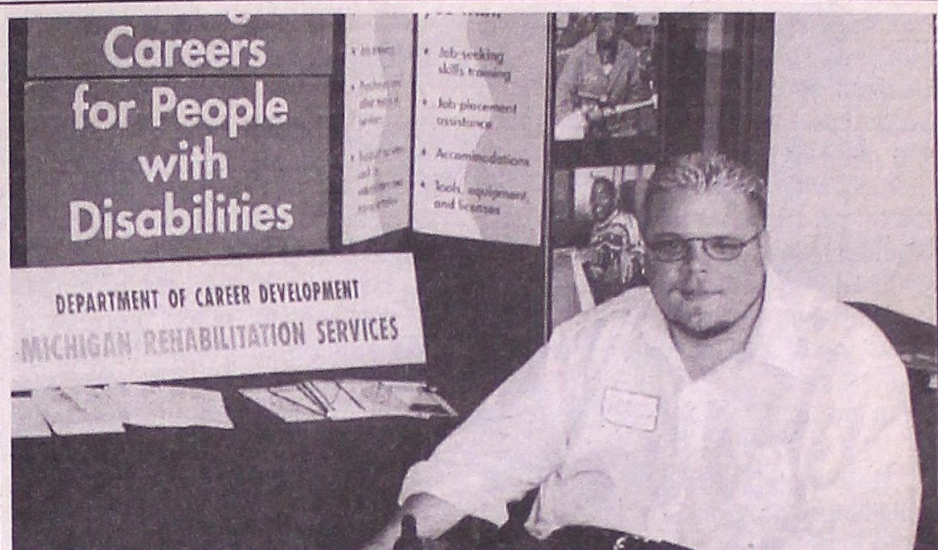
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Fair/Dinner Helps Students Adapt



Chuck Mallard of the Great Lakes Center for Independent Living was on hand to explain some of the services that his organization has to offer.

The Romulus Community Schools' Special Services Department recently hosted a "Transitions" fair/dinner in order to make important information available to special-needs students as they prepare for life after graduation. Special Services Director Jeffery Royal was pleased with the number of students, parents, and exhibitors who took part.

Among the fair's highlights were several guest speakers who discussed some of the programs and services that are available to special-needs students. Larry Stemple, Transitions Consultant for the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency, talked about the various vendors present, noting in particular that colleges such as Henry Ford Community College, Schoolcraft Community College, and Eastern Michigan University offer a variety of help services.

Among the resources and services featured in the fair's displays were note-takers, tutors, tape recorders for lecture sessions, video accompaniments to text books, study and review groups, make-up testing in participating classes, com-

puter labs with software to strengthen and aid learning, and certified counseling for special-needs students.

Stemple also talked about the availability of academic coaches to help troubleshoot problems in studying, test-taking, time management, and organization. Students can even arrange for a private room/scribe or reader for examinations. Documentation is required for many of these services.

William McKenzie, Director of the Michigan Department of Career Development/Rehabilitation Services, was on hand to explain many services available to help special-needs students become independent in their living situations.

Other groups at the Fair also represented opportunities for self-advancement in employment and life-styles. Among the additional exhibitors were Community Living Services, Goodwill Industries, Focus Hope, the Center for Independent Living, the William D. Ford Vocational Technical Center, the Western Wayne Skill Center, and the Work Based Learning Fund Raising Company.



Speakers at the Romulus Special Services Department's Transitions Fair included (from left): front row — Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Schools; Ken Berlinn, Trustee, Romulus Board of Education; Rosalie Berlinn and Dan Hurst, Paraprofessional and Principal (respectively), Romulus High School; and Michael Woods, Trustee, Romulus Board of Education; back row — Winifred Wafer, Transitions Coordinator; Larry Stemple, Wayne County RESA Transitions Consultant; Jeffery Royal, Director, Romulus Special Services; and William McKenzie and Alfaye Woods, Director and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (respectively), Michigan Department of Career Development/Rehabilitation Services.

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with Olympic murals on the side. To our pleasant surprise, the Olympic Torch Committee members were staying there that night as they made their way to Utah. When we first saw the Olympic Torch, we were kind of excited. The Olympic Torch ... it was something that mildly interested us.

We asked if we could get a picture of it and one of the committee members said, "Sure ... but first, do you know about the Torch?"

"Not really," we said.

He then spent about 15-20 minutes explaining to us some of the more interesting things about it.

Did you know that the flame in Greece was lighted with a magnifying glass focused on the sun, and that the flame this torch uses was taken directly from the flame in Greece? The flame was kept burning in four lanterns that were flown in a specially chartered airplane to the United States. (Four lanterns were used so that, if one of them went out, they would still have the original flame from Greece.)

Once in the United States, over 10,500 people were chosen to carry the flame about two-tenths of a mile each. The torchbearers had to be recommended by someone. They could purchase their torch for about \$400.

The flame is not just any old flame, but results from a special mixture of gas that causes the flame to fall over as the torchbearers run with it, rather than just burn straight up.

The flame was carried by dignitaries, actors, actresses, two Indians canoeing across a river, and many, many others, of course. They even had a special set of skis with a wheelchair attached for an ex-Olympian to ride down a hill in Colorado.

As the gentleman gave us the torch to hold for a picture, we carefully took it ... and had a completely different attitude toward the Olympic Torch!

Dr. Linda Atkinson

Dr. Dan Elwart

Atkinson Chiropractic Clinic

Watchfulness Urged

To the Editor:

I was just wondering why no one has reported anything about all the vandalism to vehicles and break-ins on homes that have taken place since Easter in the area of Barth Road, Hannan Road, Wade Road, Superior Street, and the subdivision off Huron River Drive.

We need to get this information out to people in this area so that the neighbors can watch out for each other. Maybe they can turn on their porch lights or watch their neighbors' yards just one minute longer. Go see what the dog is barking at; don't just tell it to be quiet.

The police reports have been filed. We just need to let everyone in this area know what is going on.

Thank you,

Dawn Jernigan

Click It Or Ticket

To the Romulus community:

More Americans are expected to drive instead of fly during the Memorial Day weekend, translating into higher risks to families and, ultimately, more traffic fatalities. As a result, the Romulus Police Department will be participating in the statewide "Click It Or Ticket" activity, stepping up enforcement of seat-belt, child-passenger, and drunk-driving laws.

Beginning on May 23 and continuing through May 28, additional Romulus police officers will be assigned to enforce specific traffic violations in the community. Experts predict that, nationwide this year, more than 8,000 adults and children will die in crashes for one reason alone: they failed to use their seat belts or child safety seats.

In April, the Romulus Police Department completed a two-week traffic enforcement that was funded by the Drive Michigan Safely Grant. I must again report that there was no shortage of drivers who were speeding and/or failing to wear their safety belts while driving in Romulus. During this project, the officers issued 266 seat-belt violations

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RHS Robotics Team



(From left) GM Powertrain engineers Kevin Gay and Thomas Dolson joined Romulus Board of Education Secretary Betty Lenossi, Board President Debbie Dick, and Romulus High School student Jennifer Harper at the recent Robotics Luncheon/Awards Program.



(From left) Dolson and Gay received appreciation awards from RHS Assistant Principal Doug Hoffman, robotics teacher Terry Bird, and math teacher Wendy Pachota.



GM Powertrain executive Alan Garvaglia (left) and Dave Parker (right) joined Hoffman to celebrate the robotics team's successful competitive season.

School-to-Work



(From left) Terri Brinston (teacher, health occupations, Romulus High School), Kim Coleman (student employed at David C. Brown Funeral Home), and Amy Urbaniak (Director, Tutor Time) were among many who attended a recent breakfast honoring local employers who participated in the Romulus Community Schools' School-to-Work program.



Others attending the event, which focused on TEAM (together, everyone achieves more), were (from left) David C. Brown (proprietor, David C. Brown Funeral Home), Marjorie Oliver (President, Western Campus, Wayne County Community College), Tony Arminiak, Dean of Instruction, WC, WCCC), and Bill Musham (Director, Adult & Community Education, RCS).



Lynette and Patrick Ostrowski (far left and far right; co-proprietors, Blue Sky Restaurant) enjoyed sharing breakfast with Andrea Gibson (second from right; student guest) and Rachel Broom (student employee at Blue Sky Restaurant).



Other guests (from left): Lauren Boddie (student employed at Dynasty Fashions), Ann Brown (proprietor, Dynasty Fashions), Marcus Johnson (Pastor, Gateway Baptist Church), and Ricardo Ward (student employed at Gateway Baptist Church).

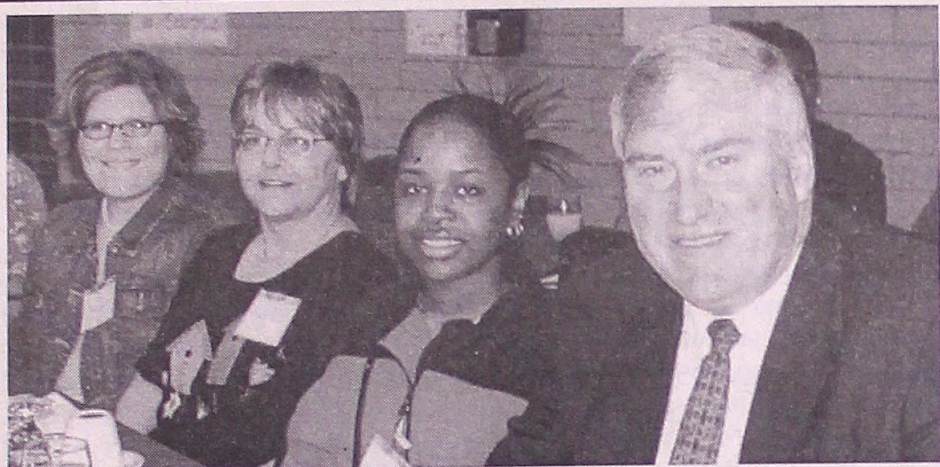


Accepting Team Recognition Awards were (seated, from left) Bob McLain (accepting for Kevin Gay, Thom Dolson, and Isaac Hogate, GM Powertrain engineers), Jeffery Royal (accepting for Mark Lewkowicz, proprietor, Landis Machine Shop), Alfaye Woods (Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Michigan Department of Career Development/Rehabilitation Services), and Gail Coleman (Chair, Secondary-level NCA Committee, RCS), as well as (standing) Huey Ball (proprietor, H. Ball and Associates Consulting).



Also among those attending the district's annual School-to-Work Employer Appreciation Breakfast were (from left): front – William McKenzie (Director, Michigan Department of Career Development/Rehabilitation Services) and Joel R. Carr (Superintendent, RCS); back – Michael Woods (Trustee, Romulus Board of Education), Tom Dolan (Director of Curriculum, RCS), Marilyn Hidenfelter (Coordinator, School-to-Work Program, RCS), and Jim Orme (counselor, Romulus High School).

School-to-Work



(From left) Sarah Hall (student employed at Barth School) and Barb Fortune (secretary, Barth) joined Brittany Bingham (student employed at Romulus Community High School) and Al Wilkerson (Principal, RCHS) for breakfast.



Also in attendance at the event were (from left) Jesse Meriweather (Athletic Director, RCS), Mae Jackson (counselor, Romulus High School), Alberta Garrett (media specialist, RHS), and Linda Denham (speech pathologist, RCS).



Other guests included (from left) Angela Zajac (student employed at Romulus School), Dawn Oliver (Director, Michigan Institute of Aeronautics), Arekeyta Porter (student employed at the RCS administrative office), Anna Bossidis (Head Bookkeeper, RCS), and Marilyn Wasson (secretary, Romulus School).



Other guests (from left): Jasmine Mark (student employed at Aztec Mfg.), Lisa Nastal (secretary, Merriman School), Krista Alley (student employed at Merriman), Elizabeth Caburet (student employed at Halecreek School), Stacy Paige (secretary, Halecreek), Frank Lopez (President, Aztec Mfg.), and Lee Nestale (Engineering Systems Administrator, Aztec Mfg.).



(From left) Cheryle Buckley (President, Romulus Board of Education), Winifred Wafer (teacher, Special Education), and Betty Lenossi (Secretary, RBoE) greeted guests from the business community.



(From left) Geana Lewis (student employed at GKN Sinter Metals) enjoyed breakfast with Gloria Byrd and Ken Pociask (Purchasing Manager and Purchasing Clerk, respectively, GKN Sinter Metals).

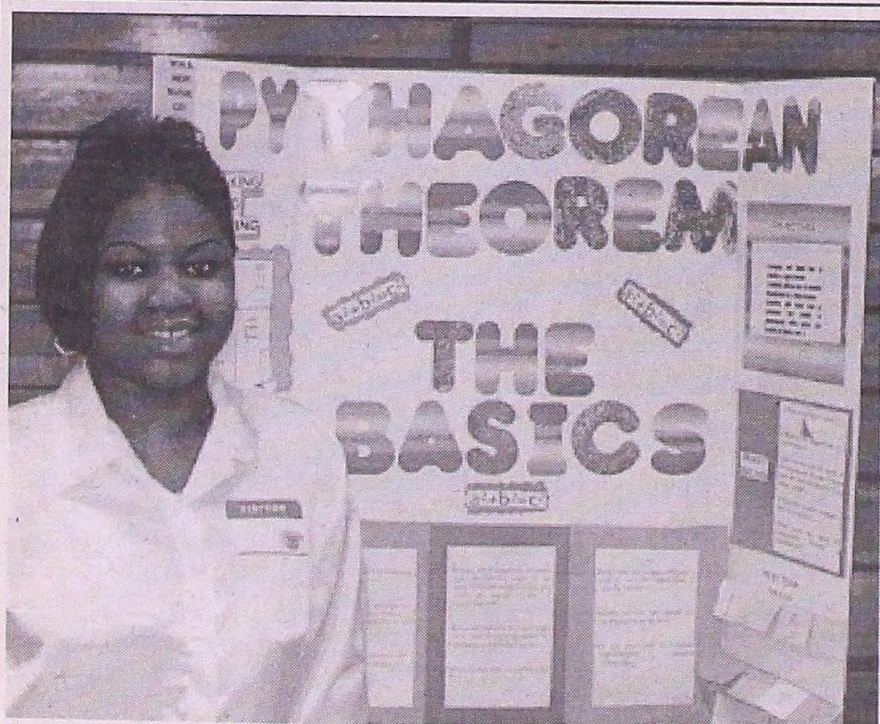
RHS/RMS Math Fair



Students at Romulus High School – including (from left) Britany Sawdy, Sarah Lindroth, Brittani Haney, Sara Schulz, and Marissa Wilson – recently hosted a Math Fair to help Romulus Middle School students understand tough MEAP math concepts.



(From left) RHS student Jesse Patterson discussed his exhibit with RMS eighth-grader Chastity Weston, Math Consultant Lynn Behta, and eighth-grader Samantha Arnett-Butscher.



RHS student Latoya Starr's entry about the Pythagorean Theorem was one of the more colorful displays at the Math Fair.

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consisted of 127 hours of patrol time, resulting in stopping a total of 388 vehicles for various traffic violations.

During this April period, I tracked the number of citizens who were stopped by our department during this two weeks. Romulus residents were driving 42 of the vehicles stopped by our department, representing 11% of all vehicles. I am proud to report that I think this is a low percentage that could be an indication that our residents are buckling up and driving safely. I will continue to monitor future projects to provide comparisons for community members.

There are many factors that must be considered when looking at the number of citizens stopped by our department during the enforcement period. One significant factor is that the grant requires officers to be assigned to the main county roads in the community. The airport and commercial businesses in the community cause greater numbers of non-citizens to be present on the targeted roadways, hampering an accurate evaluation. In the same manner, it would be predicted that neighborhood enforcement would most probably result in a higher percentage of residents traveling those roadways.

Finally, remember those dates in May when police departments throughout Michigan will assign additional officers

to enforce traffic violations for your and your family's safety.

The officers of the Romulus Police Department ask you to please buckle up, drive safely, and enjoy a safe Memorial Day weekend. Our main goal each time we complete one of these traffic projects is to improve the percentage of drivers who wear their seat belts and obey traffic laws in Romulus, making it safer for you.

Sincerely,
Lieutenant James Rafalski
Romulus Police Department

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.

Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. (Writers need not be afraid to include their name when asking for anonymity, since all such names are kept in the strictest confidence, regardless of whether or not the letter is published.)

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

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Romulus Students Honored for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following students whose dedication earned them a spot on their school's honor roll and/or perfect-attendance lists for the third marking period (Romulus Elementary) or the fifth marking period (Romulus High School) of the 2001-2002 school year.

Romulus Elementary

HIGH HONORS

Fourth Grade

Cassie Rice, Cherra Ross, Amber White.

Sixth Grade

Carmen Collie.

HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade

Brittney Blackburn, Jonathan Carr, Pamie Fortson, Karli Gibson, Paul Hanni.

Fifth Grade

Markis Darden, Carlie Frye, Christina Gillespie, Melanie Heins, Paige Johnston, Chris Kreitner, Aaron Marion, Nyah McReynolds, Jon Mundy, Gary Nemeth, Camilla Reid, Dominique Ross, Nigere Simpson, Britni Spataro, Sam Wells, Amanda Zavitz.

Sixth Grade

Shaniya Dye, Ryan Kozlowski, Meisha Martin, Valencia Matthews, Melissa Peterson, Jacob Pykor, Kevin Riley, Akara Stovall, Ciera Warren, Darryl White.

Mrs. Watkins' Class

Megan Carmickle, Frances Cistrunk, Don Davis, Nikki Eves, Gary Hemmingway, Brandon Kelly.

CITIZENSHIP

Fourth Grade

Chyna Bennett, Scott Caudle, Josie Gonzales, Cassie Rice, Amanda Tucker, Dominique Wallace.

Sixth Grade

Asha Jordan, Amanda Kurzyniec, Meisha Martin, Kiara Moon, Darryl White.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten

Demonte Brown, Damon Groh, Jessie McAnally, Karyna Smith.

First Grade

Sean Crawford, Birana Dye, Heather Nefsey, Josh Thornton, Josh Wardlaw.

Second Grade

Arthur Gibson, Ashley Navarre.

Third Grade

Jerry Fraley, Christopher Hicks, Fred McAnally, Onika Miller, Ashley Patton, Dana Robinson, Allante Smith, Chelsea Smith.

Fourth Grade

Brittney Blackburn, Ajah Brown, Scott Caudle, Danielle Cox, Paul Hanni, Antonette Hemphill, Da'Ron Marks-Ford, Zachary Nastal, Cassie Rice, Nathan Rice, Cherra Ross, Richard Vaughn, Dominique Wallace.

Fifth Grade

Melanie Heins, Justin Humphrey, Felicia Martin, Dominique Ross, Darrin Schmitzer, Al Slominski, Amanda Zavitz.

Sixth Grade

Jasmine Brown, Camille Crawford, Tiar Grandison, Ashley Groh, Amanda Kruzyniec, Meisha Martin, Valencia Matthews, Kiara Miller, Tasheema Murray, Evans Paillere, Jacob Pykor, Alonzo Smith, Ciera Warren.

Mrs. Watkins' Class

Dawone Allison, Megan Carmickle, Don Davis, Nikkie Eves, Gary Hemmingway, Deandre Thomas.

Romulus High School

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Ninth Grade

Kristen Atchley, Janee Barnes, Jazmine Bennett, Tiffany Block, Brendon Boyd, Ronnie Brown, Allison Bruckner, Antoine Burrell, Teela Carroll, Lauryn Farkas, Katie Hale, Paris Hawkins, Janet Johnson, Lucretia Johnson, Daniel Kinney, Stephanie Lewis, Mallori Losacco, Lisa Miller, Colleen Mumford, Antoinette Nelson, Candace Parsons, Dijon Piggee, Andrea Redding, Philip Roscoe, Megan Scott, Sawaira Sheikh, Jessica Shelton, Shauntia Simon, Paul Stanford, Paulette Stanford, Matthew Steffani, Avery Stephenson, Anastasia Strother, Jamie Suiter, Kenise Thompson, Joann Tieppo, Miah Wade, Sarah Ward, Brytni White, William Williams, Kimberly Wilson, Lashonda Windham, Ashley Wright.

Tenth Grade

Aamer Ahmad, Darnell Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Natalie Blake, Kenneth Booker, Carla Broom, Cassie Caldwell, Rhiannon Crawford, Thomas Drayton, Latoya Flint, Jessica Frost, Toni Gibson, Sabrina Gomes, Christian Hadden, Jeremiah Hudson, Shaenna Kettlewell, Timothy Lewis, Sarah Lindroth, Patrick McCollum, Ashley Much, Natasha Murray, Rebecca Oros, Lajoya Orr, Kristina Rafalski, Kristi Rice, Britany Sawdy, Sara Schulz, Ryan Tackett, Rebecca Thornton, Mark Wheeler, Derhonda Williams, Jurbar Williams.

Eleventh Grade

Shannon Allen, Scott Blackburn, Ronald Buckley, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Meghan Conway, Kimberly Cotton, Sherri Davis, Julia Deshazor, Brenda Finley, Sarah Gray, Kelly Hardway, Megan Hatcher, Jamie Henne, Bradley Hindman, Bethany Hotchkiss, Curtis Jackson, Paris Jackson, Crystal Koch, Hilary Kozma, Alexander MacFarlane, Andrew McNeil, Heather Patrick, Leslie Perez, Demequa Poole, Robert Rice, Donald Richison, Keona Riley, Clifford Smith, Bethany Swauger, Laura Tanner, Brandon Varga, Mark Woody.

Twelfth Grade

Krista Alley, Tiffany Ash, Amanda Bassett, Brittany Bingham, Chrystal Blair, Amy Bowman, Elizabeth Caburet, Nikki Carr, Kelly Carroll, David Cox, Courtney Daniels, Jennifer Davis, Beonka Dreher, Stephanie Durtka, Deborah Fox, Jerome Gray, Ileana Hill, Deana Hunter, Amanda Judy, Katherine Kortas, Gary Lee, Jasmine Mark, Andrea Marosan, Amelia McCray, Jennifer Ottenbreit, Albert Piloci, Arekeyta Porter, Antoinette Price, Kristen Singer, Melissa Smallwood, Latonya Staple, Nichole Starnes, Bridget Stephens, Christopher Turner, Kanetra Warren, Angela Zajac.

HONOR ROLL

Ninth Grade

Ashley Allen, Shavon Bell, Kursha Bradford, Donald Brewer, Denise Brock, Daniel Brown, Monika Burgess, Justin Chapman, Anica Coate, Chrystal Coleman, Monica Cox, Jeremiah Cross, Ashley Daniels, Yvette Douglas, Derrick Dugan, Megan Dungy, Alondra Femster, Ashley Gorkiewicz, Teawanna Griggs, Kevin Hamilton, Sierra Hicks, Benjamin Hohman, Ergys Hoxha, Brittany Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Jarrel Manuel, Mark McGlynn, Jeremy McNulty, Leah Moore, Anjelique Moss, Regina Nelson, Jessica Obayan, Alanae Odom, Jeffrey Ottenbreit, Eris Piloci, Ricky Porter, Anthony Price, Wallace Reynolds, Samuel Russell, Bryant Searles, Jennifer Shelton, Tiffany Smith, Daniel Strange, Laki-shia Street, Tiffany Sucharski, Dwight Talley, Jeremy Thomason, Samuel Tilton, Alecia Walls, Adrian Watson, Natalie Watt, Danté Williams, Sarah Williams, Brian Woods.

Tenth Grade

Myles Bell, Mariah Bogard, Steven Bostain, Kristina Camilleri, Demarvelous Carter, Ronald Coleman, Jerry Collie, Ronny Cornelius, Elliot Craig, Christie Davis, James Davis, Jenessa Deshazor, Jessica Deverich, Carissa Drobil, Karrah Duncan, Randall Frye, Storee Garner, Stephanie Gurner, Terry Harper, Novella Haugabook, Danielle Hendricks, Sarah Herbert, Jeffrey Hoffman, Roy Hollis, Angela Lukas, Ashley Maskell, Patrick Miller, Matthew Mortzfield, Jajuan Mosby, Krystal Oliver, Hanya Ombima,

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We have endeavored to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn.

Our procedure for pesticide applications reflects that concern.

Please let us know if we can answer any questions.

Donald Morris, Supervisor
Maintenance and Operations

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Our school district has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all our buildings. Considering the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was drafted. This plan details the response actions that the district will be taking regarding asbestos-containing materials found in our buildings.

This plan is available for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you desire a personal copy, please notify the Director of Maintenance and Operations at our Administrative Offices and it will be supplied to you within five working days at a cost of \$.30 per page.

Our Administrative Offices are located at 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

We have endeavored to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn. Our procedure for dealing with this problem reflects that concern.

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High School Students Present "Phantom Of The Soap Opera"



(From left): front row – John Krug as Sam, Audra Howard as Blyth Evans, Tiffany Sucharski as Emily Parris, Jessica Frost as Daphne Davis, and Dana Noble as Regina Brooks; back row – Jesse Patterson as Quentin Harris, Krystal Oliver as Nellie Starr, Hanya Ombia as Millicent Crump, Rhiannon Crawford as Lilly Ponds, Clayton Smith, Jr., as Noah Cain, Darnell Anderson as the Phantom, Rickie Truitt as Harlan Gaspar, Justin Smith as Teddy Burnett, Stephen Smith as Digby Wright, Molly Tuttle as Eve Potter, Amy Bowman as Addison Meriwether, and Shauntya Simon as Theodora Osborn.

Romulus High School's recent production of "The Phantom Of The Soap Opera," presented in the school auditorium, was a big success. The musical was directed by John E. Woolridge III with able assistance in the areas of vocal coaching, choreography, and production work from dance instructor Deborah Wilson and choir director Judy Barthwell.

Additional support came from Misty Pitel in stage management, David Miller and Chris Spear in lighting/set design, Lumba Reynolds in sound technology, Louise Briody in program/poster design, and Ellen Bragg, Bonnie Bossidis, Clinton Chico, Alberta Garrett, and Louise Briody in publicity, as well as musicians Dinah Malosh, Steve Scibilia, and Matt Nieman.

Romulus High School Honor Roll

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Michael Patrias, Denisa Rakic, Lysie Ransaw, David Rogala, Justin Rooding, Cilia Sanchez, Adrian Simmons, Melissa Smith, Ricky Staten, Patrecia Sucharski, Iesha Taylor, Shekiyah Taylor, Amy Thompson, Kyle Wasson, Kiva Watkins, Cherie Whorton, Tenisha Williams, Marissa Wilson, Kevin Zajac.

Eleventh Grade

Paul Adkins, Zakiyyah Akhtab, Christopher Anderson, Natasha Baldwin, Katie Bolus, Ryan Boyd, Amanda Brewington, Joseph Chisholm, Kelli Cholette, Brittney Clark, Jenia Cooper, Amanda Crosby, Christopher Culver, Raquel Dodds, Shahidah Hason, Melissa Holman, Gregory Johnson, Magan Kelly, Julian Lambert, Natasha Lowe, Jolene McBride, Jason Messenger, Joseph Miller, Falcia Modrzyński, Jesse Morris, Joshua Nichols, Nicole Nolan, Karvens Paillere, Jesse Patterson, Adeline Plloci, Andrew Rodger, Briana Smith, Clayton Smith, Miyon Smith, Tiffany Smith, Miqui Spencer, Latoya Starr, Jill Steffani, Rye Theriot, Maurice Webb, Patrick Webb, Kareena Wells, Jerry White, Angela Williams, Shera Williams,

Cassandra Wilson, Marrika Wise, Sammie Young.

Twelfth Grade

Amber Barnes, Patrice Beasley, Nicole Bills, Shanelle Bishop, Angela Bowdler, David Boyd, Larry Brown, Jennifer Camilleri, Roger Chapman, Leah Cotham, Brandon Demoisey, Danielle Flint, Crystal Flood, Adam Gibbons, Sarah Hall, Rahila Haq, Amanda Hardy, Jennifer Harper, Brandy Hemmingway, Amber Kelly, Falon Kennedy, Jennifer Kiesznowski, Paul Krause, Leah Lazenby, Geana Lewis, Jason Linderman, Brandon Malott, Jazzmen Medley, Donald Mongrain, Christopher Moore, Devon Mootry, Maida Mulaosmanovic, Tasha Mullins, John Nehila, Rubens Paillere, Ashley Rodgers, Michael Sandusky, John Schenavar, Nicholas Smith, David Terry, Melissa Thornton, Nicole Vlodyka, Carlen Weidemann, Chianta Wyatt.

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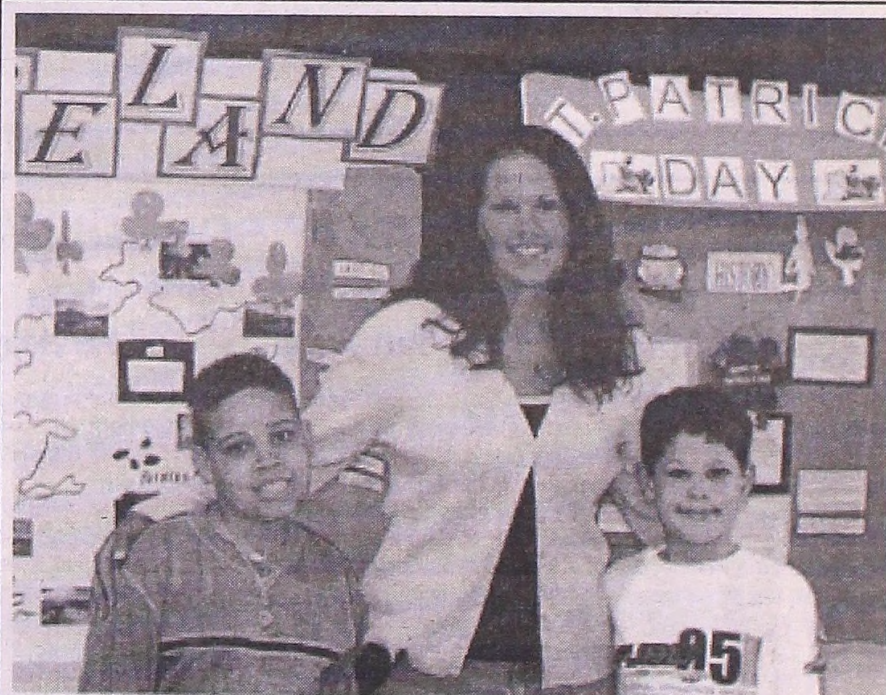
Celebrating Cultures



"Visiting" Australia at Romulus Elementary's Multicultural Night were (from left) re-teacher Cynthia Mitchell, Shayntia Sanford, Valery Morse, Britni Spataro, Dustyn Morse, and Alisa Morse.



Romulus Elementary's Multicultural Night also featured a Chinese exhibit, complete with dragons and costumes, that was enjoyed by attendees (from left) Amanda Zavitz, Marsha Zavitz, Shyla Killen, Cherra Ross, and Lesa Brown.



(From left) Christopher Hicks, Nadine Maillette, and Braxton Maillette checked out Romulus Elementary's Ireland exhibit, which featured a display about St. Patrick's Day.



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Pistons Clinic Was Big Success



Steve Moreland, Assistant Coach of the Detroit Pistons, gave Romulus youngsters basketball pointers at a recent clinic hosted by the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation.

Cory Honors School's All-A Students



Honored at a recent assembly for achieving all A's were Cory Elementary students (from left): front row - DaJuan Partee, Jonathan Stone, Nicholas Curry, and Danielle Stephens; back row - Kia Cunegin, Melissa Dufore, Kyle Strickland, Chelsea Earby, and Rodney Cofield.

Cory Celebrates Grandparents' Day



(From left) John, Janice, and Adrianna Barden, and Raven, Ronald, and Abbey Whitehead were among the usual large crowd that attended Cory Elementary School's annual Grandparents' Day celebration earlier this month. The day began with a pancake-and-sausage breakfast, then went on to include classroom tours, student presentations, and a musical program in the gymnasium.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

Blood Pressure/Foot Doctor Visit

There's no out-of-pocket expense to have your blood pressure checked and/or get a checkup from the foot doctor at the Romulus Senior Center on Friday, May 31, at 9 a.m. The Center thanks Sterling Home Care for volunteering to perform these services.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, at the Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) are welcome.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, May 20, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center for an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Mother's Day Tea

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is giving a Mother's Day Tea in the St. Aloysius Church family room on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. Donation is \$7 per person. For more information, please call the Romulus Senior Center.

May Luncheon Honors Moms

This month's luncheon at the Romulus Senior Center – set for noon on Wednesday, May 22 – will put the focus on mothers. Romulus Middle School teacher Betty Santo and 10 of her Leadership students will be on hand to help out. A menu of turkey rolls and dressing, stuffed shells, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, roll with butter, dessert, and beverage is planned. Cost is just \$5.50 per person. Sign up at the Center if you would like to attend.

Computers, Internet Service Available

Just a reminder that seniors who need access to a computer to learn or practice new skills may use the computers at the Romulus Senior Center, free of charge. Internet service is also available. Appointments are strongly advised.

Free Computer Class

Students in Thalia Swint's business services and technology classes at Romulus High School are looking forward to working one-on-one with local senior citizens at a free computer class that they will host from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, at Romulus High School (rooms 605 and 606, across from the cafeteria). Topics covered will include basic computer skills, word processing, and Internet basics.

Transportation will be provided.

Space is limited, so early sign-up is recommended. To make your reservation, or for further information, please call Ms. Swint at 734-532-1076.

Senior Day at Comerica Park

A limited number of tickets are still available for the Romulus Senior Center's trip to Comerica Park on Tuesday, July 16, to see the Tigers play the Boston Red Sox. A cost of \$12.50 per person will cover transportation, admission, and a bite to eat. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **New York City**
(June 27–July 1; \$650);
- **City By The Bay**
(July 15; \$57);
- **African Lion Safari**
(August 22; \$75 adult/\$60 child);
- **Wisconsin Dells**
(August 26–29; \$499); and
- **"My Fair Lady"**
(October 29; \$89).

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.), and
- euchre (Fridays, 1 p.m.).

Chore Service

Are you in need of yard work and/or minor home repairs? If so, call the Romulus Senior Center and find out if you qualify for a free chore-service program.

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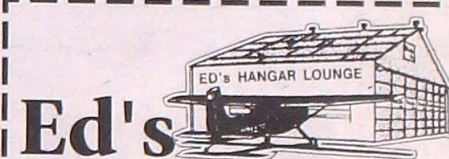
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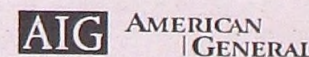
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50th Anniversary

Henry and Joyce Tkachuk

Congratulations to Henry and Joyce Tkachuk of Romulus, who were married 50 years on April 26, 2002.

The couple celebrated the event by renewing their vows at Community United Methodist Church in a service conducted by Reverend William Kren on April 28. Among the highlights of the service was Lynn Laramie's performance of "Always" — a song that was also sung at the Tkachuks' first wedding.

A dinner/reception, held in the Rudgate West clubhouse, immediately followed the ceremony. It was attended by approximately 100 family members and friends, including the couple's niece, Kathy DeShon,

who came all the way from Washington to be present for such a special event.

The beautifully decorated tables featured edible chocolate candy baskets made by the Tkachuks' daughter, Shirley Hurt, who also made and decorated the wedding cake. Other hall decorations were done by Linda Mactavish and her children, who also made personalized thank-you notes for the couple to send out afterward.

A delicious meal, prepared by Debbie's Catering of New Boston, was preceded by a toast from Henry R. Tkachuk, the couple's oldest son.

Music was performed by Helen Pate and her band. □

Obituaries

Johnnie B. Hamilton

Johnnie B. Hamilton of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, May 10, 2002. She was 71 years old.

The retired bus driver for the Romulus Community Schools and volunteer for the Romulus Senior Citizen Center's "Meals on Wheels" program was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on October 15, 1930.

Johnnie is survived by her husband, Oscar C. Hamilton, Sr.; her daughter, Patricia Ann (Anthony) Laster (Romulus); three sons, Oscar Hamilton, Jr. (Detroit, MI), Brent (Valencia) Hamilton (Romulus), and Donald Hamilton (Romulus);

two sisters, Mattie Clay (Detroit) and Dorothy Nell Woodard (Tuscaloosa); eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Among those predeceasing her were her son, Randolph Hamilton, and three sisters, Alice Thompson, Carrie Mae Thornton, and Louise Clark.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 16, at St. John Missionary Baptist Church (Inkster, MI), with Reverend Dr. Harvey E. Leggett officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus). □

Michael Anthony Kolo

Michael Anthony Kolo of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, May 6, 2002.

He was 33 years old.

Born in Dearborn, Michigan, on November 6, 1968, the Romulus High School graduate (Class of 1987) was an avid hunter, fisherman, and mushroom-picker who belonged to the Dearborn Woods and Water Sportsman Club.

Surviving Michael are his mother, Marilyn Kolo (Romulus); his brother, William J. Kolo II (Romulus); his grandmother, Lida M. Grube (Dearborn Heights, MI); four aunts; three uncles; and eight cousins.

A funeral mass was held on Friday, May 10, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Interment was at North Raber Cemetery (Raber Township, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus). □



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